Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 27 Nov 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 28 Nov 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 26 Nov 2021 at 11:46 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for very cold conditions to remain through the weekend with further snowfall although the details for Sunday are subject to change. Confidence decreases into next week as to the timing and extent of return to milder weather.

Headline for Saturday 27 Nov 2021: Bitterly cold with further snow showers but also some sunshine. Winds abating.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 27 Nov 2021

Blizzards
Medium Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow showers (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
70%	70%	70%	60%	60%	50%	30%	20%

Forecast for Saturday 27 Nov 2021

Weather: A very cold start with glen temperatures close to freezing and strong to gale force northerly winds. Snow and hail showers will continue to spread south across all ranges, but mainly focussed across Skye and Torridon northwards. Some good sunny spells between these showers which will become increasingly isolated later in the day. Clearer spells through evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60%.

Visibility: Snow showers will bring fast changing conditions with visibility dropping to near zero and blizzard conditions within them, but outside the air will have good clarity. Low cloud will be largely confined to in and around showers, but will fall to 300m or so at times.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	46/58 N	45/57 N	41/53 N	34/44 N	31/41 N	28/37 N	23/31 N	17/22 N	12/15 NW
900	43/56 N	41/53 N	38/50 N	32/42 N	29/39 N	26/35 N	22/29 N	15/19 N	9/12 NW
600	31/44 N	28/40 N	27/39 N	23/34 N	21/31 N	18/27 N	14/21 N	9/13 N	5/8 W
300	12/45 N	10/41 N	9/39 N	8/32 N	8/31 N	7/28 N	5/21 N	2/13 NW	1/8 NW
Glen	17/40 N	16/37 N	16/38 N	16/35 N	15/32 N	10/26 N	6/17 NE	5/12 N	3/7 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-6/-17	-7/-18	-6/-18	-7/-17	-6/-16	-6/-15	-6/-15	-6/-13	-6/-12
900	-5/-16	-6/-17	-6/-16	-6/-16	-5/-15	-5/-14	-6/-14	-6/-12	-5/-10
600	-2/-11	-3/-12	-3/-12	-3/-12	-3/-10	-3/-10	-3/-10	-3/-8	-3/-6
300	-0/-5	-1/-5	-1/-5	-1/-5	-0/-4	-1/-5	-1/-4	-2/-4	-2/-4
Glen	3/-3	2/-3	2/-3	2/-4	2/-3	2/-2	2/-1	1/-1	0/-1
Freezing Level*	100m	00m	00m	00m	100m	100m	100m	100m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Risk of gales confined through the morning. Spells of sunshine will lead to glare off recent fresh snow. Mean windspeeds at 300m and below look too low by 10-20mph.

Forecast for Sunday 28 Nov 2021

Weather: Another very cold start with cloud cover varying from very little in the south to likely overcast with patchy snowfall in the north. This thicker cloud may sink south through the day to affect the southern ranges, bringing poor visibility and further spells of mainly light snow. Skies tending to clear through the evening. Much lighter winds than previous days.

Maximum wind: West 10-20mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30%, improving 70% from late afternoon.

Visibility: Cloud likely to shroud slopes above around 400m in the north initially but this will spread to all ranges by late morning, although Skye may escape the worst of this. Snowfall, although mainly light will lead to visibility of only a few hundred meters.

Temperature: **Glens:** Around freezing in the north, maybe lower in the south. Rising to plus 2 or 3 Celsius by day.
At 800m: Minus 5 Celsius.
Freezing level: 100-200m but rising 400-600m in the west.

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